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Local and General.

Lacombe school closes Friday for the two weeks holiday vacation.

The hockey game on Christmas night promises to be a good one.

A social, and watch night service will be held in the Methodist church on New Year's eve.

J. M. Cox and family came in from British Columbia today for a holiday visit at the old home at Rimby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilmour left on last Friday for Ontario, where business matters will keep them for three or four months.

The old agricultural grounds are being cleared preparatory to being surveyed into town lots. This subdivision will soon be on the market.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Ponoka, on Wednesday, December 16, R. C. Murphy of Lacombe and Miss Nellie Butler.

The first game in the Alberta Amateur Hockey League takes place on Lacombe ice Christmas night, between Lacombe and Stettler. The boys are playing purely amateur hockey and deserve the best support of the sport loving public.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Canadian Pacific railway announces a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas, December 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, for New Year December 28, 29, 30 and 31 and January 1, final return limit on all tickets January 5, 1909.

Some time ago The Advertiser received copy, with request to publish, of a poetic effusion under the caption of "The Stagnation Club." It was not suitable for our columns, hence we declined to publish it. The note requesting publicity was signed "E. Whidden," which it now appears was a forgery, though for what purpose, or whom the perpetrator, we have yet to learn.

Early Selection

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Town Council met in regular session Tuesday evening. Present: Mayor Trimble, Councillors Vickerson, Murphy, Kent, McDermid and Hoson. Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and adopted.

A communication was read from the secretary of the Union of Alberta Municipalities re annual convention.

The Blindman Electric Co. asked for a modification of contract with the town from the present all night service to a moonlight schedule for street lights. A committee was appointed to take the matter under consideration.

A communication from Mr. Walden re cement sacks was referred to the finance committee.

A communication from Engineer Neville re street grades, etc., provoked considerable discussion.

Accounts to the amount of about \$700 were presented and referred to the finance committee.

G. H. Hutton asked the council sanction of a proposed plan for subdivision of the old agricultural grounds, to be known as "Percival Park" subdivision. The council gave him assurance of approval of the plans as outlined.

A bylaw was introduced and passed appointing T. Clark King returning officer and J. H. Ross deputy, for the by-election to fill vacancy caused by resignation of L. B. Browne from council. Nominations to be held on Dec. 26.

Hoson introduced a bylaw to abolish hitching posts from the streets of the town. The bylaw did not meet the approval of the balance of the council. All were in favor of removing and prohibiting posts on gravelled portions of Barnett avenue, but not from other portions of the town. The bylaw was laid over for alteration and general revision.

Under head of unfinished business the matter of refund of liquor license to C. R. Bruce was brought up. A refund of \$101.50 was ordered paid.

Under inquiries Hoson wanted to know how some names came to be on the voters list and others left off. His Worship stated that names had been illegally placed on the voters list in the past few days.

Councillor Murphy also called His Worship's attention to another irregularity in the recent election in that the oath had not been administered to candidates and agents in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance.

Chas. West was present asking for adjustment of the taxes on property belonging to Mr. Card. Same had been paid he claimed, and yet had been published as delinquent. The mayor set a date for investigating the matter.

His Worship brought up the matter of dealing with the unpaid 1908 taxes on chattels. After a warm discussion a resolution was passed to distrain on all such taxes not paid by December 24.

His Worship also brought up

H. A. Murphy, Auctioneer, will sell by Public Auction on the premises of Mr. E. K. Strathy, Lacombe, on Saturday, Dec. 19, '08 at 1:30 p. m., 2 Registered Hackney Mares, 2 Driving Horses, 2 Buggies, 2 sets Harness, Furniture, Stoves, Dishes, Stable Tools, etc., etc. Sale positive.

the matter of the delinquent tax list having been published by the secretary contrary to His Worship's instructions. He explained his position and said he could not understand the secretary's action. The secretary was called upon to explain his action, and his statements made it evident that he believed he was fulfilling the letter and intent of the Ordinance under the advice he had received from the town solicitor. The discussion by the mayor and council was quite lengthy and somewhat heated and finally wound up with the passing of a resolution expressing disapproval of the secretary's action in publishing the list contrary to the advice of the mayor.

Cattle Rustlers in Alberta.

Sedgewick, Dec. 12.—A gang of cattle rustlers are operating along the Battle river south of Galahad. They gather the cattle together in small herds, brand them, and then rush them further south where one of the trio waits their arrival. This bunch of maurauders (mostly half-breeds) are wild and reckless, coming out in broad daylight and picking the choice beef cattle from farmers and small ranchers, as though they owned all they surveyed. About two weeks ago they took from a bunch of cattle owned by Martin Ulrickson, south of Loveland postoffice, three of the best steers in the herd and drove them across the river, where Mr. Ulrickson found them a few days later with fresh brands over the old ones. Through Mr. Ulrickson's efforts the Mounted Police of Daysland made two arrests last week, and it is expected more will follow. About a year ago a hundred head of cattle were missing along the Battle river.

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LACOMBE BRANCH: W. F. GRAHAM, Manager.

Dr. Sharpe Elected by Majority of One.

Monday's municipal election was the closest in the history of the town, and a large vote was polled, 181 ballots being cast, 91 of which were for Dr. Sharpe and 90 for F. Vickerson. Hence Dr. Sharpe has been declared elected mayor for 1909 by a majority of 1.

Fire at Red Deer.

Red Deer, Dec. 10.—The store occupied by Miss Dow, milliner, was destroyed by fire this morning about one o'clock. The building which is owned by the Wilkins estate, was not badly damaged, \$500 covering the loss and being fully insured. Miss Dow's stock, however, was entirely destroyed. The loss will be about \$2,500 with insurance \$1,500. Miss Dow, in escaping, was severely burned around the head and arms. The firemen arrived very promptly on the scene and soon had the fire under control.

Local Improvement District 20-T-4.

Lacombe, Dec. 5, 1908.

Council met all being present, Jas. Sharp chairman, F. A. Gralapp, C. M. Smith, J. W. Armstrong and J. L. Storey.

Minutes of previous meeting read and it was moved by J. W. Armstrong seconded by J. L. Storey that they be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Gralapp seconded by Arms that the following bills be passed and secretary be instructed to pay the same. Bowman & Sine \$245.35, H. Gottschlich \$1.75, D. C. Gourlay \$96.80, J. McNab \$3.50, Morris & Taylor \$2.90, S. W. Paisley \$6, Morrison & Johnston \$33.50, T. F. Roberts \$4.70. Carried.

Moved by Storey seconded by Smith that the labour pay sheets belonging to the five divisions and numbering in all, twenty-nine, be passed and ordered to be paid. Carried.

Moved by Smith seconded by Gralapp that secretary be instructed to write the department and inform them that the taxes for 1906 against the S. W. 1/4 of 35-39-25-W4 were paid in work done under a foreman in adjoining division who had neglected to turn the account of same in. Both councillor Sharp and Smith know personally of the work being done.

Moved by Storey seconded by Armstrong that the meeting be adjourned to Dec. 19. Carried.

E. Walter Simpson,
Sec.-Treas.

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CASSELLS IN HALIFAX.

Same Story as Quebec and St. John.—Only Contractors Make More Profit; and are in Closer Touch With Politicians.—Flinch is Chief Offenders.—Grit Contractors are Accomplices; Officials are Tools and Victims.

The marine department inquiry at Halifax reveals the same state of affairs that is shown elsewhere, except that the favored dealers in that town have been in constant direct communication with the two members of Parliament for the constituency. Messrs. Roche and Carney got government business for government supporters, and had goods supplied by the faithful regardless of price. Dealers admit that they charged up to twenty-five per cent above retail prices for supplies to the government. In most cases, the government was by far the largest customer and should have had the lowest price. Sales ran up into tens of thousands at these profits. Contractors for repairing government ships do not deny making 50 per cent profit. Some of their accounts ran up to over \$50,000.

There was apparently no competition or call for tenders. Prices were excessive in all cases.

Presenters were sent to government officials by the contractors, but their principal return was in the shape of campaign services.

Contractors and Campaigns.
All the contractors were strong party men.

Some of them had charge of a district in the campaign, and one testified that he financed the district at his own expense, which means that he applied part of his profits to the work of keeping in power the government which was making him rich.

It was shown that about one hundred additional men were employed in the Halifax dockyard at election time.

There was no special need of these men.

They were engaged, sometimes on the recommendation of the government candidates over their own signatures; sometimes by the election campaign committee; always as a corrupt exchange for political support.

The agent of the department and the superintendent appear to have been mere subordinates of these politicians. They did not dare to interfere with patronage deals, and allowed the department to do business through the politicians. Otherwise they would probably have lost their jobs.

Happily these devices failed in Halifax. No doubt these too extra employees voted for Roche and Carney. Undoubtedly the contractors on the patronage list worked hard and spent freely, for their benefactors. But the independent electors in Halifax voted for Mr. Borden and his colleague, and gave the largest Conservative majority the county has ever

known. But the evidence shows that the operations reached out to Pictou, Charlottetown and elsewhere and accomplished more.

The Real Offenders.

It has been charged that most of the marine officers implicated were Conservative appointees. This is a government fiction. Hardly one official so far convicted of graft held his position by Conservative appointment. Not half a dozen of the twenty-eight suspended at Quebec were placed in their position by Conservatives. The Chief Commissioner of lights had that office created for him by the present government, and his former chief testified that in his opinion the appointment was arranged by the influence of a contractor.

Every dealer whose money went to corrupt Marine officials was an active government supporter and a campaigner.

The chief offenders are the ministers and members of parliament who dictated the patronage and received in campaign funds the largest benefit.

Their chief accomplices are the contractors and middlemen who contribute to the elections and receive their return through graft contracts.

The tools of both are the subordinate officials who did not dare to quarrel either with the political managers or the favored contractors and who will suffer for the crimes of both as well as for their own weakness and avarice.

It was found that one dealer performed services that were not ordered, that the manager for a member of parliament had his yacht repaired in the government dock-yard, that a favored grocer was selling meat to the government vessels at 12 cents a pound while the contract was running at 9 cents.

Contractor Willson's Fine Work.

An illustration of political patronage methods is given in the evidence of Mr. Parsons, the Halifax agent of the marine department. He swore that 15 gas buoys were sent to his district which were not required and not suitable for the service.

That was years ago, and they have been piled up in the dockyard ever since. He protested at the time, but the buoys were not taken away. Instead 13 more were sent.

There was one item of \$25,800 charged against his agency for buoys that could not be used. Mr. Parsons objected to this charge, but it stood.

The first Royal Commission reported that contractor Willson of Ottawa, who made these buoys, practically controlled the department and wheedled the government into buying buoys that were not needed. It was he who gave \$10,000 of stock in his Carbide company to a cabinet minister at the time that these contracts were made. Probably the contractor had \$30,000 clear profit out of the buoys that have been rusting in the Halifax dock. There is a still larger scrap heap at Vancouver, for say nothing of the stock at Prescott.

Agent Parsons testified that he objected to the practice of supplying the government cruisers with luxurious provisions such as ocean liners gave saloon passengers. He was overruled by his superiors

who requested him to "give lee way." This accounts for such bills as two dollars per dozen for peaches.

No Reform Yet.

Civil Service reform makes little headway. The non-partisan Civil Service Commissioners in their first three months have made no appointments, not even of their own staff. Deputy ministers have done nothing in the way of reorganizing their departments in accord with the new law. Between the machine politicians who try to control the patronage, and the commissioners, who probably desire to carry out the law, there is a struggle, with the result that matters remain as they were, the two commissioners meanwhile drawing their \$5,000 each in salary. Meanwhile the Premier is reminded of the promise given in writing when he was a candidate in Ottawa, that he would recommend an increase in the salaries of the rank and file of Civil Service, and would have it dated back to the first of September. This pledge, made in an election campaign by a candidate seeking the civil service vote places the Premier in peril of disqualification. But so far it can not be charged that he has carried out the promise since only the higher officials have received an increase.

Still Double-Faced.

In Canada Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his minister of finance still say that the government would like to obtain a preference in the British market in return for the one we give to Britain. Yet when a minister goes to England he at once becomes a free trader and explains that Canada desires no advantages in the British market, but gives a preference to Britain as a free gift. Sir Wilfrid in 1896 begged the people of Canada to give him power that he might obtain preferential terms in England. After his election he went to England and advised that country to stick to free trade and give no preference. This year the same double dealing has taken place. Canadians have been told by ministers that we cannot have a preference because Britain refuses. Yet on Wednesday the minister of militia and Postmaster General, speaking in London, declared that the Canadian preference did not call for a return from England. Mr. Lemieux added that it was a benefit to the Canadian consumers and given in his interest. This is a clear invitation to Great Britain to continue the refusal of tariff advantage to Canada. Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Balfour, Lord Milner, and other advocates of an Imperial tariff preference, have much opposition at home, and Canadian ministers make their work harder by supplying the anti-preference campaigners with arguments.

More Defects.

At the end of October the custom's revenue for the month was \$700,000 short of that for October, 1907. As the shortage had been about \$1,250,000 a month for the previous half year, government organs cheerfully announced that the tide had turned and the revenue would soon be as large as before. The end of November tells another story.

Customs receipts for the month were \$3,700,052.

Decrease \$1,167,953.

Customs revenue receipts for the fiscal year so far are as follows:
Eight months, 1907 \$41,300,771
Eight months, 1908 30,959,243
Decrease 10,341,528

Election Inquiries.

Evidently there will be an inquiry into election methods. Petitions have been filed or will be filed against several ministers, Sifton and other leading Liberals whose elections are supposed to have been won by corruption or fraud, or both.

A fine example of evasion is furnished by the rascals who operated the Dexter poll on behalf of Conmee, one of Sir Wilfrid's leading supporters. The deputy returning officer changed the polling place a few hours before the election, so that no Conservative voter or scrutineer could find it. Then the operators ran a special Sunday train-load of lads under twenty-one from Port Arthur, made the boys drunk and voted them over and over again up to nine times at least for the government candidate. In court Mr. Keefer, the Conservative candidate, asked for mercy on the lads because they were the victims of depraved campaigners. They were let off. But the lawyer for the machine defended the chief culprits on the plea that as the poll was illegally moved it was not a poll within the meaning of the law and therefore personation was not an offence. When a party holds a fraudulent poll and seeks to escape penalties on the ground that the poll is illegal, its case is like that of the man who murdered his father and mother and then pleaded for mercy on the ground that he was an orphan.

Profit Out of Disaster.

The fall of the Quebec bridge was a calamity to the country and to the families of the men who perished. But there was money in it for the company which built the bridge, and made the contract for construction, and was responsible with the government for the lack of supervision. The government has now completed the arrangements to take over the bridge with all the obligations, to return to the company all that it claims to have paid in cash and alleged services, with five per cent interest, and ten per cent bonus.

In addition, Ex-Premier Parent has received \$24,250 as salary out of the company, that is to say out of the government. Secretary Barthe has been paid \$16,800, and other directors and officers have gathered in over \$25,000. For these promoters the bridge has been a bonanza, for the Canadian taxpayer a disaster.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, Dec. 3.
Interest on deposit for last three months \$8.10
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A STAMP FOR CANADA

The next little stamp in red and white, like above cut, and selling at one cent each, is published by the National Sanitarium Association in the interests of the Muskogee Free Hospital. The stamp does not pay postage, but may be put on letters, packages and Christmas cards of all kinds, and will bear the happy Season's Greetings everywhere.

Willing workers all over the Dominion are organizing little bands for stamp selling. The hospital board is hoping that over a million stamps will be sold before Christmas, and the work for the consumptive poor from sea to sea will be greatly strengthened. Other interesting information may be obtained by writing Mr. J. S. Robertson, Secretary of the Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto.

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The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, Mr. J. S. Robertson, 347 King Street West, Toronto, writes us that, with the financial depression of the past year, the funds of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives have suffered greatly.

At the commencement of the winter season the Trustees have to face a heavily overdrawn bank account and have many obligations to meet.

Despite these financial worries every patient is receiving careful consideration and beds are admitted as promptly as space is made vacant.

All the funds of the institution have been maintained, not by any rich endowment, for such does not exist, but by the generous contributions of the masses of the people—the small sum rather than the large ones.

We frankly say that we do not know, in our experience, of a more worthy and deserving charity, and our hope is that the readers of the lines will respond to the appeal that is now made for funds for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. W. J. Leger, 84 Spadina Ave., Chairman of the Executive Committee, or to J. S. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Tuberculosis Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Montreal to Have Ice Carnival.
Montreal, Dec. 11.—The council of the Board of Trade went on Record tonight against the winter carnival, which it is proposed to hold here in February next.

The membership of the council is entirely composed of wholesale men, while the promoters of the carnival are hotel men and retailers. Despite the opposition of the railways and the board of trade they are going ahead with the plan, and tonight announced that they had already collected \$10,000 towards the expenses and had more in sight.

They expect that the American railways will come to their assistance and give cheap rates.

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It is poor consolation to needy consumptives to say that the Government maintains a hospital for the thousands who suffer and die from tuberculosis in Canada every year.

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The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, Mr. J. S. Robertson, 347 King Street West, Toronto, writes us that, with the financial depression of the past year, the funds of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives have suffered greatly.

At the commencement of the winter season the Trustees have to face a heavily overdrawn bank account and have many obligations to meet.

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We frankly say that we do not know, in our experience, of a more worthy and deserving charity, and our hope is that the readers of the lines will respond to the appeal that is now made for funds for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. W. J. Leger, 84 Spadina Ave., Chairman of the Executive Committee, or to J. S. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Tuberculosis Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Montreal to Have Ice Carnival.
Montreal, Dec. 11.—The council of the Board of Trade went on Record tonight against the winter carnival, which it is proposed to hold here in February next.

The membership of the council is entirely composed of wholesale men, while the promoters of the carnival are hotel men and retailers. Despite the opposition of the railways and the board of trade they are going ahead with the plan, and tonight announced that they had already collected \$10,000 towards the expenses and had more in sight.

They expect that the American railways will come to their assistance and give cheap rates.

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Local and General.

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A bunch of Lacombe hockey boys go to Stettler Friday to give the east line team a workout.

The Potts-Lander fifteen round light weight boxing contest at Edmonton Thursday night ended in a draw, though Edmonton sports claim that Potts had slightly the best of it.

Preparatory to moving to the coast, E. K. Strathy will have a public sale at his residence in Lacombe on Saturday, the 19th. Among the offerings will be two registered hackney mares. H. A. Murphy will cry the sale.

Town council held a special session last Friday night to consider the resignation of Dr. Sharpe as health officer of the town. After much discussion a motion to accept the resignation carried. Dr. Hynes was appointed by resolution to temporarily fill the vacancy.

The churches are all busy now with preparations for Christmas doings. The Presbyterians will hold their entertainment in Day's hall on the evening of the 22nd. The Methodists will hold theirs in the church on Christmas night. St. Cyprian's will hold theirs on the evening of the 29th.

The carnival given by the Young Men's Club in the rink Tuesday evening was a very successful affair. Quite a number of young people from surrounding towns participated. The masquerade costumes were meritorious and widely varied, and the awards of prizes met with general approval.

Tom Marks "caught the crowd" in good shape on his opening night here. On Friday night the bill is "Jerry the Tramp," in which the celebrated comedian particularly shines. A "murphy" matinee for Saturday afternoon promises to be a drawing card. A good bill is also assured for Saturday evening. The company puts on an unusually good run of vaudeville between acts.

Blackfalds.

Mrs. W. R. McDowell will sell her household effects by public auction on Saturday 19th, after which she leaves at an early date to join her friends and relatives in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Owing to a clash in dates W. R. Carter has postponed his sale until Thursday, Dec. 24th.

The exodus continues. Chas. Mott and W. Forrester have left for England. Wm. Spurrell and R. Landsell are to follow them at an early date. Mrs. R. H. Trout has gone to her parents home in Indiana. Wm. Ennis has gone to Manitoba, and J. Ennis and C. Greentree to their respective homes in Ontario.

A jolly load from here attended the Lacombe carnival on Tuesday evening.

For the benefit and enlightenment of our wandering minstrel parson, who by the way, has not yet explained the cause of his attack on the English, we will quote a few sentences gleaned from Canadian papers. "The finest work of the English Public Schools is the ingrained bulldog tenacity, fair play, and good breeding of the English lad." Is there any finer work that can be done by a school? Was our parson in question trained in such a school? If he was he is not a credit to his college. "Play up, play fair, play for the game," old man. "They are a great race these English people, who live their lives and die their deaths in manly adherence to the great tradition of their noble calling that life is a small thing compared with duty."

Spruceville.

Our enterprising land holder, Mr. E. Howard has bought that desirable quarter, Mr. Geo. F. Stafford's homestead, he is rapidly adding farm to farm.

Miss M. Saunders is going with her cousin Thomas McConnell to visit friends in Manitoba.

The friends of the Sunday school are preparing for their Xmas entertainment on the evening of the 23rd. We expect a grand success as usual.

The Blindman Electric Company's new machinery has arrived and they expect to have everything in running order by end of the week.

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STEDMAN, THE CLOTHIER

Blindman Railway.

Big Meeting at Bentley on the 12th.—The Settlers are Determined to Have a Railway.

The mass meeting at Bentley last Saturday, called in interest of securing railway accommodation for the country to the west of Lacombe, was attended by nearly two hundred men, most of them farmers in the district.

W. B. McPherson was elected chairman, and C. A. Putland secretary of the meeting.

The project of building a railway from Lacombe to Bentley, thence up the Blindman valley to Rimbey was discussed by Senator Talbot, W. F. Puffer, F. Vickerson, Messrs. Iddings, Hilborn, Major McPherson and others.

The people of the Blindman and Medicine Valleys were unanimous in their demand for transportation facilities in this direction, and all favored an electric road for the reason that it would give more frequent service and they believed better all around accommodations to the settlers to the west. It was also pointed out that an electric road would serve the Gull Lake summer resort far better than would a steam railway. It is believed that all the power necessary can be obtained from the outlet to Gull Lake. A committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of this water power for generating the electricity.

As matters now stand the country in this direction is thickly settled for fully forty miles from the railroad, which is much too far to profitably haul their grain to market. The settlers are determined to have a railway, and if no one else will build it they will form a company and build it themselves.

Messrs. Talbot and Puffer both assured the settlers that they would do everything in their power to push the project of a railway along. They were fully convinced of the existing necessity.

A working committee of fifteen was appointed to take up the preliminary work and to report progress at a meeting to be held at Bentley on Saturday afternoon, December 26th. This committee consists of the following members: L. E. Cole, C. O. Vig, J. C. Carr, Major McPherson, J. H. Morrison and C. A. Putland, Bentley; Jas. Lockhart and Frank Lee, Lockhart; F. Symonds, Thos. Iddings, H. Thorp, and Mr. Hilborn, Rimbey; P. Brodersen, Wittenburg; and G. H. Hutton

and F. Vickerson, Lacombe.

At the close of the meeting the working committee met and organized by electing W. B. McPherson, chairman, and C. A. Putland secretary. W. F. Puffer was appointed a committee of one to ascertain if possible what the Edmonton Radial Ry. Co. proposed doing under their charter procured last winter, authorizing the construction of an electric railway line from Edmonton to Lacombe, thence West to Bentley. F. Vickerson was appointed a committee of one to write Mr. Stewart, Superintendent of Irrigation at Calgary, as to the extent of the powers and privileges held by the Blindman Electric Co. over the water from Gull Lake and the Blindman River, both to report to the Committee at or before the next general meeting on the 26th inst.

There was strong talk of holding a mass meeting in the near future at Rimbey, when an effort will be made to have Premier Rutherford and a representative of the C. P. R. in attendance, and these gentlemen will be taken over the proposed route. In driving them over the route they would get a fair idea of the necessity of the railway, and of the capabilities of the district in the way of increased production if the produce could be marketed without the long wagon haul, also of the advantages offered of easy construction.

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